### High Temperature PPU

Canceled Technology Project (2013 - 2016)



#### **Project Introduction**

Develop, demonstrate and deliver a new technology to enable a modular and power-scalable 10-80kW electric propulsion power processing unit capable of operating at temperatures 2x state of the art. The new silicon carbide based components will lead to a 5x-10x reduction in specific mass and volume of the propulsion system per kW of spacecraft power

#### **Anticipated Benefits**

Unfunded and Planned NASA Missions: 5-10x reduction in PPU specific mass and volume for a 300kW-class Solar Electric Propulsion mission. 80% total PPU and PPU thermal management system mass savings for a 300kW-class Solar Electric Propulsion mission. OGA: Reduction in PPU mass and volume. Reduction in space craft thermal management systems. Commercial: Reduction in PPU mass and volume. Reduction in space craft thermal management systems. Nation: Reduction in PPU mass and volume. Reduction in space craft thermal management systems.

#### **Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners**



Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
Langley Research Center(LaRC)	Lead	NASA	Hampton,
	Organization	Center	Virginia



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## Organizational Responsibility

#### Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

#### **Lead Center / Facility:**

Langley Research Center (LaRC)

#### **Responsible Program:**

Game Changing Development



#### **Game Changing Development**

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Primary U.S. Work Locations		
California	Florida	
Maryland	Ohio	
Virginia		

### **Project Transitions**

October 2013: Project Start

April 2016: Project canceled because other Rationale: Project canceled because other

#### **Project Website:**

https://www.nasa.gov/directorates/spacetech/home/index.html

## **Project Management**

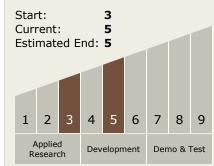
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# **Technology Maturity** (TRL)



## **Target Destination**

Foundational Knowledge

